

Night & Day // Holidays 2023

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According to a certain blue monster, “C” is for “cookie,” and that’s good enough for him. I, too, am a fan of the tasty round treats. In fact, I’ve written about two cookie-oriented events in ATE DAY8 a Week in Eats & Drinks. Here in the holidays edition of Night & Day, I’m covering **Cinema, Comedy, Community, and Concerts**. As for Culture, Edward Brown is setting the Stage (see what I did there?) for noteworthy shows by local theater troupes in the piece that follows. Yes, let’s celebrate the ... C-son.

Abby Cadabby and Big Bird close out A Swingin’ Sesame Street Celebration with “Sing.”

COMMUNITY

Slightly east, the holidays begin with the **Arlington Holiday Lights Parade at Levitt Pavilion** (100 W Abram St, 817-543-4301) on Saturday. The festivities start with the Miss Persis Elf Show at 3:45pm, followed by live music from Weekly Music Awards nominee September Moon with Hankins. The parade is at 6pm and ends at 7:15pm with a tree-lighting ceremony. Afterward, enjoy tunes spun by DJ Gurrl while you take photos with Santa. All of the above is free of charge.

The Wildcat Band invites you to the **20th Annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Market at Kennedale High School** (901 Wildcat Way, 817-563-8100) 9am-2pm Sat. This community-wide event features live holiday music and a holiday market with hundreds of

handcrafted items for sale. Admission is free. As for the pancake breakfast (or pizza lunch) with Santa, the cost is \$10, with proceeds benefiting the Kennedale Wildcat Band. For more information, visit KHSBand.com/HolidayMarket.





Take photos with the big guy at the 20th Annual Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Market at Kennedale High School Saturday.
Courtesy Facebook

The City of Irving would like to show you a good time. **Visit Irving** is getting into the holiday spirit by offering chances to win Irving-centric experiences and gifts. Now thru Tue, Dec 12, enter **Irving's 12 Days of Holiday Giving Contest** to maybe go home with a staycation that includes holiday activities, dining, and more. One winner will be randomly selected every day, and participants must enter daily. Prizes range in value from \$450 to \$7,200 each, totaling \$15,000. Nice! For complete details on how to enter, visit IrvingTexas.com/12-Days-Giveaway.

CONCERTS

Fort Worth has managed to steal a great holiday concert away from Dallas. Go, us! **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** brings its Ghosts of Christmas Eve: The Best of TSO to **Dickies Arena** (1911 Montgomery St, 817-402-9000) for one night only 7:30pm Fri. TSO is an offshoot of prog-rockers Savatage, who, after once writing a wildly popular Christmas song, were asked by their record label for an entire holiday album. That successful body of work has progressed (pun intended!) over the years and is now a large-scale extravaganza performed by two touring companies. Both the East and West Coast troupes are amazing. Tickets start at \$59.75 at Ticketmaster.com for this concert by the East Coast contingency.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra typically plays Dallas this time of year, but not anymore. The band will do its prog-rocking holiday thing at Dickie's Arena Friday.
Courtesy Trans-Siberian Orchestra

As part of their Deep in the Heart of Christmas shows, Emmy Award winners **The Texas Tenors** — former finalists on *America's Got Talent: The Champions* — will perform at the **Palace Theatre** (300 S Main St, Grapevine, 817-410-3100) 7:30pm Mon-Wed, Dec 11-13, and 3pm Tue and Thu, Dec 12 and 14. Along with seasonal classics like "O Holy Night" and "Joy to the World," the guys will sing well-known hits from the American songbook like "You've Lost that Lovin' Feelin' " and more. Tickets are \$48 at GrapevineTexasUSA.com.

Wasn't I just bragging about our snagging a show from Dallas? Well, Big D has pilfered one of our Music Awards nominees. Hometown crooner **Abraham Alexander** plays the **Majestic Theatre** (1925 Elm St, Dallas 214-670-3687) 7pm Thu, Dec 14, with special guest Jackson Scribner. This holiday concert is Alexander's only North Texas show before he heads out on tour after the first of the year. Tickets start at \$26 at Prekindle.com. While you're there, please stop by the merch table and pick up a copy of *SEA/SONS*. His new album would be a great Christmas gift for yours truly. Vinyl, please. #JustSayin

Sweet soul sensation Abraham Alexander plays the Majestic Theatre Thu, Dec 14.

Courtesy @CrystalClearPhotographyTX

Grand Prairie's **Pentatonix** make their annual pilgrimage to North Texas for a hometown holiday performance. Pentatonix: The Most Wonderful Tour of the Year is 7pm Wed, Dec 20, at **Dickies Arena** (1911 Montgomery St, Fort Worth, 817-402-9000). Tickets start at \$30 at Ticketmaster.com.

Whether you prefer your holiday tunes secular or sacred, our slice of North Texas is delirious with holiday-themed shows. Read all about it in [Snowy Sizzle](#).

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